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To: Administrators of Schools Participating in the
Alternative Schools Accountability Model

From: Mary Tobias Weaver, Assistant Superintendent/Director
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Subject: Training workshops for the Alternative Schools Accountability Model

I cordially invite you and key members of your alternative education staff to attend one of a series of regional workshops to be held from May 9 through June 25 on the implementation of California's new Alternative Schools Accountability Model (ASAM). Our records, based on information you provided to the California Department of Education (CDE) in December 2000, indicate that your school is one of more than 1,000 schools now registered to participate in the ASAM.

As you may know, schools participating in the ASAM will be required to select indicators from the list approved this March by the State Board of Education. These workshops will provide an opportunity to speak directly with members of the Public Schools Accountability Act (PSAA) Subcommittee for the Alternative Accountability System, Department staff, and field colleagues who have participated in the ASAM development process. Major workshop topics will include:

- the background and current status of the ASAM;
- indicators of growth approved by the State Board of Education and appropriate for various types of schools;
- the timeline for selection of indicators, data collection and reporting for 2001-2002; and
- local selection of indicators and procedures for data collection.

Workshops will be offered on the following dates in the specified locations. Please refer to the attachments for site specific information on directions and workshop times.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
May 9	Redding	May 24	Santa Clara
May 18	Fresno	June 11	Riverside
May 22	Sacramento	June 25	Los Angeles
May 23	Camarillo		

For further information about the workshops, please contact the Educational Options Office at 916-322-5012.